## REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 11, 2006. In response thereto, the claims now include the text of all of the pending claims (including the withdrawn claims).

## Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

This response is being submitted on or before January 11, 2007 making this a timely response. It is believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues, please contact the undersigned at (612) 340-8819.

Respectfully submitted,

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